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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> for FY 2004  <i>Patent fees are subject to annual revision</i>		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/807,091
		Filing Date	March 23, 2004
		First Named Inventor	Darryl A. Bourgoyne
		Examiner Name	Hoang C. Dang
		Group / Art Unit	3672
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)					
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1001	\$770	2001	\$385	Utility Filing Fee	\$
1002	\$340	2002	\$170	Design Filing Fee	\$
1003	\$530	2003	\$265	Plant Filing Fee	\$
1004	\$770	2004	\$385	Reissue Filing Fee	\$
1005	\$160	2005	\$ 80	Provisional Filing Fee	\$
Subtotal (1)					\$ 726.00
2. Extra Claim Fees					
Claims	Extra	Fee (below)	Fee Paid		
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\$ 18	\$ 9	Claims in excess of 20			
\$ 86	\$ 43	Independent claims in excess of 3			
\$ 290	\$ 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
\$ 86	\$ 43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent			
\$ 18	\$ 9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)					
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1052	\$ 30	2052	\$ 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
1812	\$2,520	1812	\$2,520	Request for Reexamination	\$
1804	\$920*	1804	\$920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
1805	\$1840*	1805	\$1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
1251	\$ 110	2251	\$ 55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
1252	\$ 420	2252	\$ 210	Extension for reply within second month	\$
1253	\$ 930	2253	\$ 475	Extension for reply within third month	\$
1254	\$1,480	2254	\$ 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
1255	\$2,010	2255	\$1,050	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
1401	\$ 330	2401	\$ 165	Notice of Appeal	\$
1402	\$ 330	2402	\$ 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1403	\$ 290	2403	\$ 145	Request for oral hearing	\$
1452	\$ 110	2452	\$ 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
1453	\$1,330	2453	\$ 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
1501	\$1,330	2501	\$ 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	\$
1502	\$ 480	2502	\$ 240	Design issue fee	\$
1503	\$ 640	2503	\$ 320	Plant issue fee	\$
1460	\$ 130	1460	\$ 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
1807	\$ 30	1807	\$ 30	Petitions related to provisional applications	\$
1806	\$ 180	1806	\$ 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	\$
8021	\$ 40	8021	\$ 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
1809	\$ 770	2809	\$ 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	\$
1801	\$ 770	2801	\$ 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
1802	\$ 900	1802	\$ 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	\$
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In re Applicant:

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Filed: March 23, 2004

Serial No.: 10/807,091

For: Method and System for Return of  
Drilling Fluid From a Sealed  
Marine Riser to a Floating Drilling  
Rig While Drilling

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